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Former Groton Resident Is Victim of Heart Attack

Webster.—A heart attack caused the sudden death of Loyd J. Whitmore, 48, owner and operator of the Farmers Hatchery in Webster, at about 10:00 o'clock Friday morning in the hatchery where he and his wife also made their home. Mr. Whitmore had been sick for two weeks with pleurisy but had recuperated and was sitting up talking when he suffered the attack. Mrs. Whitmore was the only one with him at the time. Doctors were called but could do nothing.

Funeral services were held at the Methodist church at 10:00 a. m., on Monday with Rev. A. W. Gugin officiating. Mrs. E. E. Gelhaus and Irwin Christensen sang two duets accompanied by Mrs. Harvey Newman, who was organist.

Following the services the remains were taken to Madison, where services were held at 2:00 p. m., at Hal-lenbeck's Funeral Parlor, and where burial was made. Pall bearers at the services in Webster were Clarence Erickson, Virgil Fick, Harold Hirtes, Harold Hagen, Earl Evans, and T. C. Torgerson.

Loyd J. Whitmore was born on June 7, 1906, near Madison to Mr. and Mrs. John T. Whitmore. He was one of seven children, four boys and three girls. He attended the rural schools in Lake County and the Academy of Columbus College, Sioux Falls.

In January, 1926, he enlisted in the regular army and spent most of this three-year term in Hawaii. After his term of service he returned to Madison where he was employed on various farms and in the Sunshine Hatchery. On March 5, 1930, he was married to Genevieve Harris of Madison and in September of 1941 they moved to Groton where he was employed by the Farmers Hatchery. Early the following year they came to Webster where he has owned and operated the Farmers Hatchery.

Mr. Whitmore was a member of the Better Webster Club and the Isaac Walton League.

He is survived by his wife, three sisters, Mrs. Mabel Stanford and Mrs. Ada Nighbert of Madison and Mrs. R. A. Richards of Groton, and one brother, Frank of Rapid City. — Reporter and Farmer.